

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2004. Claims 1, 15, and 20-22 have been canceled. New claims 23-25 have been added. Thus, claims 2-14, 16-19 and 23-25 are now pending.

The Office Action objects to claims 2-5 in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. As requested by the Examiner, it is pointed out that the instant specification repeatedly states that a plurality of switching elements are provided (one for each pixel as shown in Figs. 12, 14, etc.). Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the formality objection has been addressed and overcome in this regard, in view of this comment and the non-substantive formality changes to claims 2-5 herein.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-5, 7, 10-13 and 16-18 contain allowable subject matter. In this regard, allowable claims 2, 4, 7, 10, 11, and 16 have essentially been rewritten in independent form. *Thus, all claims are now in condition for allowance given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.*

Furthermore, applicant has not yet received an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 corresponding to the IDS filed November 10, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm consideration of this IDS by providing the undersigned with an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 corresponding to the same.

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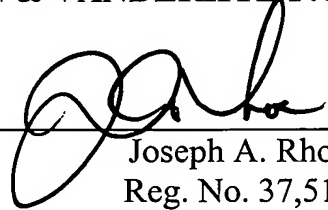
Finally, the Okumura reference (US 5,945,972) cited by the Examiner is not listed on a PTO-892 form. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide the undersigned with a PTO-892 form listing the cited and considered Okumura reference.

If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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